

GEORGE W. HOTT, ADMINISTRATOR.

JANUARY 18, 1901.—Referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered to be printed.

The PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE presented the following

**LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS,  
TRANSMITTING THE FINDINGS OF THE COURT IN THE CON-  
GRESSIONAL CASE NO. 4693, GEORGE W. HOTT, ADMINISTRA-  
TOR D. B. N. C. T. A. OF WILLIAM HUGHES, DECEASED, AGAINST  
THE UNITED STATES.**

COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE,  
*Washington, January 17, 1901.*

SIR: Pursuant to the order of the court, I transmit herewith a certi-  
fied copy of the findings filed by the court in the aforesaid cause, which  
case was referred to this court by the resolution of the Senate of the  
United States under the act of March 3, 1887.

I am, very respectfully, yours, etc.,

JOHN RANDOLPH,  
*Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.*

Hon. WILLIAM P. FRYE,  
*President of the Senate pro tempore.*

[Court of Claims. Congressional case No. 4693. George W. Hott, administrator d. b. n. c. t. a. of  
William Hughes, deceased, v. The United States.]

STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case, for stores and supplies and occupation of real  
estate alleged to have been taken and used by the military forces of the United States  
during the war for the suppression of the rebellion, was transmitted to the court by  
a resolution of the United States Senate on the 11th day of June, 1888, under the act  
of March 3, 1887, known as the Tucker Act.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 10th day of January, 1901.  
G. W. Z. Black, esq., appeared for the claimant, and the Attorney-General, by G. H.  
Walker, esq., his assistant, and under his direction, appeared for the defense and  
protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations:

Your petitioner, George W. Hott, administrator d. b. n. c. t. a. of the estate of  
William Hughes, deceased, respectfully represents that he is a resident of the District  
of Columbia, where his decedent resided during the late war of the rebellion; that  
during said period he owned and possessed certain valuable real estate situate in  
Alexandria County, Va., containing about 96 acres of land, and that the military

forces of the United States, by proper authority, occupied said premises from May, 1861, until April, 1865, and that a fair rental value of same was \$2,000 per year, amounting to the sum of \$10,000.

That during said period there were taken from said premises by said military forces of the United States the following stores and supplies, as per board of survey appointed by Brigadier-General Runyon:

556 panels of board fence, at 87 cents .....	\$483. 75
2 gates .....	9. 00
20 silver-maple trees, at \$2 .....	40. 00
4,000 head of cabbages, at 5 cents .....	200. 00
15 acres of truck crops .....	600. 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ acre of kale seed .....	20. 00
18 acres of corn .....	180. 00
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Credit by 240 posts, at 20 cents .....	1, 532. 75
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12 acres of large virgin timber .....	<hr/>
	1, 500. 00

Your petitioner further represents that during said period his decedent was employed by the United States Government in laying out improvements and superintending the work on the grounds at Hospital square for 191 $\frac{1}{2}$  days, for which he was to be paid the sum of \$2 per day; and that he furnished plants and evergreens for said grounds, for which a voucher was given him by Dr. D. W. Bliss for the above, in the sum of \$1,026.50, and that the United States is justly indebted to him in the sum of \$14,011.25.

The court, upon the evidence, and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, makes the following

#### FINDINGS OF FACT:

I. The claimant's decedent, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout the war of the rebellion.

II. There were taken from the claimant's decedent, in Alexandria County, State of Virginia, during the war of the rebellion, by the military forces of the United States, for the use of the Army, stores and supplies of those above described, which were then and there reasonably worth the sum of two thousand six hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$2,671).

III. The reasonable rental value of the property of the claimant's decedent which was used and occupied during the time specified was the sum of two thousand and five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

No part of the above amounts appear to have been paid to claimant.

BY THE COURT.

Filed January 14, 1901.

A true copy.

Test this 16th day of January, 1901.

[SEAL.]

JOHN RANDOLPH,  
*Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.*